

**Alert incident ID number: 12008**

Report run on: Jun 24, 2020 at 14:23 by Admin Specialist Renee Gusto

**Incident type Alert**

Alert no.:AU19-0020 Date of alert: 07/18/2019

**Member: Officer Drusso Martinez [1790]**

**Alert description:**

Incident type specific alert: File #: U19-0294 Report #: 19-038068: Use of force has triggered an alert.

As of 06/23/2019, 6 Use of force incidents are linked to Officer Drusso Martinez [1790] that have occurred since 03/23/2019.

6 or more Use of force incidents during a 3 month period indicates that the officer's performance may need to be reviewed.

Organizational-specific threshold override alert criteria for : .

**Action(s) taken in response to alert:**

The Early Intervention System has alerted in reference to Officer Martinez being involved in 6 use of force incidents in a 90-day period. This analysis report reviews the 6 cases provided.

**Summary:**

Incident # 1: April 22, 2019, Case # 19-024124

Officer Martinez responded to a hotel reference to a dispute. After the subject failed to comply with verbal commands to leave the room, Officer Martinez assisted officers in removing the subject from the room by grabbing a hold of the subject's shirt to pull him off of the bed. While attempting to escort the subject out of the room, the subject tensed his body and began to pull away. Officer Martinez escorted the subject to the ground by grabbing the back of his head and upper back area and pushing him to the ground. **Officer Martinez then placed his right knee on the rear of the subject's neck to prevent him from moving while other officers placed him in handcuffs.**

Incident # 2: April 28, 2019, Case # 19-025648

Officer Martinez responded to a residence reference to a stabbing that had just occurred. Upon arrival, Officer Martinez observed several subjects on the sidewalk pointing to a subject walking towards the front door of the above address. Officer Martinez gave a loud verbal command for the subject to stop and show his hands, at which point the subject ignored the command and continued to walk away. As the subject was on the front door step, Officer Martinez gave another loud verbal command to stop and not go into the residence, at which point the subject turned back and said "It's my house, I'll be right back". The subjects on the sidewalk screamed "He's got a gun!". The subject walked into the residence and shut the door behind him. The subject then opened the door and Officer Martinez was able to observe a shotgun in plain view inside the residence. Officer Martinez gave another loud verbal command for the subject to come off of the front door step at which time the subject refused Officer Martinez's commands. With his duty pistol pointed at the subjects chest area, Officer Martinez grabbed a hold of the subject's left arm and pulled him off of the front step. Officer Martinez then performed a takedown and placed the subject on the ground using an arm bar takedown on his left arm. Officer Martinez placed both of his knees on the subject's body to keep him from getting up.. Officer Martinez subsequently placed handcuffs on the subject and double locked the handcuffs.

Incident # 3: May 02, 2019, Case # 19-026386



Officer Martinez and several other officers contacted five juvenile subjects in reference to a stolen vehicle investigation. Upon sight of law enforcement, one of the subjects fled on foot. Officer Martinez gave chase and pointed his Taser at the front of the subject's torso area giving him loud verbal commands to get on the ground. The subject refused to obey Officer Martinez's commands, at which time Officer Martinez grabbed the front of his shirt and escorted him to the ground. Once on the ground, Officer Martinez held the subject's legs on the ground to prevent him from trying to get back up. The subject was then handcuffed by back-up officers.

Incident # 4: June 09, 2019, Case # 19-034923

Officer Martinez and other officers responded to a call reference to a suicidal subject. Upon arrival, officers contacted the subject, who was inside of her bathroom with the counter drawers all the way pulled out, blocking the door from being opened. During this time, the subject was making threats to harm her family and take her own life. The door was forced open, at which time Officer Martinez grabbed the subject's left arm and pulled her off the ground and into another room for safety. Officer Martinez then performed an arm-bar takedown by grabbing the subject's left arm with both hands and bringing her to the ground. The subject was then placed in handcuffs by Officer Harper without incident.

Incident # 5: June 16, 2019, Case # 19-036462

Officer Martinez was conducting covert surveillance as part of an operation, when the subject as mentioned in Incident # 4 entered the front seat of Sergeant Combs' surveillance vehicle without invitation. Officer Martinez made contact with the subject who was sitting in the passenger side of the vehicle and had her step out of the vehicle. During this time, Officer Martinez began to place the subject's hands behind her back. At this time the subject attempted to pull her hands away and turn towards Officer Martinez. Officer Martinez conducted a takedown by placing his left foot behind the subject's legs and pulling her backwards to the ground. **Officer Martinez placed his right knee on the subject's back to maintain control.** Officer Martinez grabbed the subject's left arm and placed it behind her back while Sergeant Combs handcuffed her.

Incident # 6: June 23, 2019, Case # 19-038068

Officer Martinez responded to a fight in progress. Upon arrival, Officer Martinez observed the subject attempting to resist several officers. During this time, Officer Martinez assisted in bringing the subject to the ground by grabbing on to the subject's left arm with both hands and executing an arm bar takedown. Once on the ground, the subject refused to give officers his hands, at which time Officer Martinez struck the subject twice in the left side of his body with a closed fist using his left hand. After Officer Howell executed a Vascular Neck Restraint on the subject, Officer Martinez placed the subject in handcuffs and double locked the handcuffs.

#### Analysis:

In six cases, Officer Martinez was attempting to apprehend suspects who were providing some form of resistance. In all cases Officer Martinez utilized the appropriate level of force based on the resistance encountered.

#### Findings:

After reviewing all six cases, I conclude that Officer Martinez's actions in response to the resistance encountered were within department policy and it is my conclusion that that are no issues or concerning patterns of behavior relating to Officer Martinez.

User alerted/making original entry: Admin Specialist Renee Gusto on Jul 18, 2019

#### Incidents that caused this alert

Dt Rec'd.    Type    File #    Report #    Assign @ time of alert

Apr 22, 2019    Use of force    U19-0193    19-024124    Martinez, Drusso    Officer [1790]    Patrol-Patrol

Apr 29, 2019    Use of force    U19-0195    19-025648    Martinez, Drusso    Officer [1790]    Patrol-Patrol

May 02, 2019    Use of force    U19-0200    19-026386    Martinez, Drusso    Officer [1790]    Patrol-Patrol

Jun 09, 2019 Use of force U19-0287 19-034923 Martinez, Drusso Officer [1790] Patrol-Patrol  
Jun 16, 2019 Use of force U19-0409 19-036462 Martinez, Drusso Officer [1790] Patrol-Patrol  
Jun 23, 2019 Use of force U19-0294 19-038068 Martinez, Drusso Officer [1790] Patrol-Patrol

**BlueTeam field routings:**

**Jul 19, 2019 13:24**

From Sergeant Dwayne Shellhammer [1517] to Sergeant Andrew M. Combs [1567]

Instructions:

The EIS System has triggered an alert for the above member for 6 or more uses of force in a 90-day period. Please complete an analysis and forward through YOUR chain of command for review and recognize that your report will ultimately be read by the Office of the Chief of Police. If you are not able to see all the case numbers or incidents which alerted the trigger, please contact Internal Affairs and we can provide you with the necessary information. Thank you.

Reviewed Aug 14, 2019 03:50

Decision: Approved

Reviewer comment:

Completion notes: For approval. No attachments.

**Jul 19, 2019 13:24**

From Sergeant Dwayne Shellhammer [1517] to Lieutenant Bruce King [1494]

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**Aug 14, 2019 03:50**

From Sergeant Andrew M. Combs [1567] to Lieutenant



Bruce King [1494]

Instructions:

see notes

Reviewed Aug 15, 2019 19:38

Decision: Not approved  
Attach Documents

Reviewer comment:

I am not seeing any notes or attachments

**Aug 15, 2019 19:38**

From Lieutenant Bruce King [1494] to Sergeant Andrew M. Combs [1567]

Instructions:

Missing Attachment or notes

Reviewed Aug 17, 2019 04:04

Decision: Approved

Reviewer comment:

For approval. All necessary information included in EIS Cause. No additional attachments required.

**Aug 17, 2019 04:04**

From Sergeant Andrew M. Combs [1567] to Lieutenant Bruce King [1494]

Instructions:

please see comments

Reviewed Aug 22, 2019 02:21

Decision: Approved

Reviewer comment:

For your approval. All use of force was appropriate. No areas of concern.

**Aug 22, 2019 02:21**

From Lieutenant Bruce King [1494] to Captain Demetri Konstantopoulos [1320]

Instructions:

For your approval

Reviewed Aug 22, 2019 13:38

Decision: Approved

Reviewer comment:

[Forwarded by Captain Demetri Konstantopoulos]

**Aug 22, 2019 13:38**

From Captain Demetri Konstantopoulos [1320] to Deputy Chief Patrick Robinson [1419]

Instructions:

I agree with Lt. King's analysis. No anomalies were identified in any of Officer Martinez's applications of force.

Reviewed Aug 26, 2019 11:12

Decision: Approved

Reviewer comment:

[Forwarded by Deputy Chief Patrick Robinson]

**Aug 26, 2019 11:12**

From Deputy Chief Patrick Robinson [1419] to Captain James J. Rieser [1175]

Instructions:

Concur with Lt.'s findings.

Reviewed Aug 26, 2019 11:13

Decision: Approved

Reviewer comment:

[Forwarded by Captain James Rieser]

**Aug 26, 2019 11:12**

From Deputy Chief Patrick Robinson [1419] to Admin Specialist Renee Gusto [1416]

Instructions:

< Not yet reviewed >

**Aug 26, 2019 11:13**

From Captain James J. Rieser [1175] to Admin Specialist  
Renee Gusto [1416]

Instructions:

Per the DC, Approved.

Reviewed Aug 26, 2019 00:00

Decision:

Reviewer comment:

[Open routing]